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**MEMO OF FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH REV. P.C. PARKER IN CITY ARCHIVES, 12  
NOVEMBER 1935.**

**CITY OF LIVERPOOL AND C.P.R. AGREEMENT RE EVERY THIRD LOT.**

"My deduction is that Mr. David Oppenheimer, afterwards Mayor, or someone, was personally interested in the agreement whereby every third lot in the West End was deeded to the C.P.R." (Examine Land Registry records; think Oppenheimer and others had an interest.)

"Mr. Morton told me that Oppenheimer and the Rev. Mr. Lennie, father of Dr. Lennie, and Mr. Lennie, the barrister, went up to Mission. To the farm, to see Mr. Morton about giving every third lot to the C.P.R. Morton said to me, 'I did not want to give them every third lot,' and then stressed that the C.P.R. had a charter from ocean to ocean, and what was the use of giving them every third lot. 'But,' Mr. Morton said, 'they bothered me and bothered me.'"

City Archivist: Well, what did Hailstone and Brighthouse do? Morton was very loyal to both his partners.

Mr. Parker: "Yes, but they had separated their lands earlier, but I think the others did the same as Morton. Oppenheimer could get nothing done by correspondence with Morton, so Oppenheimer and Lennie went up to Mission. Morton told me that himself. He told me he did it reluctantly. He said the C.P.R. had got to come down to Coal Harbour, so, said he, 'What's the use of giving every third lot?' However, he did it."

**BAPTIST CHURCH.**

"The first Baptist Church in Vancouver was on Westminster Avenue opposite the Market Hall" (Old City Hall) "and on the east side between Hastings and Dupont streets. Lewis and Sills afterwards occupied it as a hardware store, about 1910-1915. That was the first Baptist church. Rev. J.B. Kennedy was the minister. See the Rev. A.W. Ward, Jackson Avenue Church; I think he has some old photographs."

**B.C. ELECTRIC RAILWAY.**

"When the street car—the one going to New Westminster—got into financial difficulties, Morton wrote to a friend of his in Yorkshire, William Dale Shaw, J.P. Mr. Morton's father and Mr. Shaw's father had been old friends, and so were the sons of the two fathers. Morton was in touch, told Shaw, 'Not yet,' 'Wait,' then when the time came, Morton wrote, 'Now is the time to put your money in and buy out the street car company,' and that was how it was arranged."

On 8 February 1939, Rev. Mr. Parker called with his son at City Archives for a few moments. He is not looking very well; he has had a paralytic stroke.

He tells me Mrs. Ruth Morton has lost her sight.

J.S. Matthews.